

Law Enforcement Authority

100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the authority of the members of the Urbana Police Department to perform their functions based on established legal authority.

100.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Urbana Police Department to limit its members to only exercise the authority granted to them by law.

While this department recognizes the power of peace officers to make arrests and take other enforcement action, officers are encouraged to use sound discretion in the enforcement of the law. This department does not tolerate abuse of law enforcement authority.

100.3 PEACE OFFICER POWERS

Sworn members of this department are authorized to exercise peace officer powers pursuant to applicable state law.

100.3.1 ARREST AUTHORITY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT

An officer may arrest a person when (725 ILCS 5/107-2):

- (a) There are reasonable grounds to believe that an arrest warrant exists.
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the person is committing or has committed an offense.

100.3.2 ARREST AUTHORITY OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The authority of officers outside the Urbana Police Department police district includes the ability to conduct temporary questioning or make an arrest (725 ILCS 5/107-4):

- (a) If the officer is engaged in the investigation of criminal activity that occurred in the officer's jurisdiction and the temporary questioning or arrest is in furtherance of that investigation.
- (b) If the officer, while on-duty as an officer, becomes aware of the immediate commission of a felony or a misdemeanor violation of the laws of this state.
- (c) If the officer, while on-duty as an officer, is requested by an appropriate state or local law enforcement official to render aid or assistance to the requesting law enforcement agency that is outside the Urbana Police Department jurisdiction.
- (d) If the officer is part of a Cyber Gang Unit established under 20 ILCS 2605/2605-580.

While outside the jurisdiction of the Urbana Police Department an officer shall make prompt notification to the local law enforcement agency of the county or municipality where any of the above occurs, and shall notify his/her immediate on-duty supervisor as soon as practicable (725 ILCS 5/107-4).

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100.4 CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All employees shall observe and comply with every person's clearly established rights under the federal and Illinois Constitutions.

In lieu of exigent circumstances and because laws dealing with questions about constitutional rights are extremely complex, officers and supervisors are directed to consult with division commanders prior to taking enforcement actions in these circumstances.

100.5 INTERSTATE PEACE OFFICER POWERS

Peace officer powers may be extended within other adjoining states:

- (a) As applicable under interstate compacts, memorandums of understanding or mutual aid agreements in compliance with the laws of each state.
- (b) When an officer enters Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin or Missouri in fresh pursuit of a person who is in the immediate and continuous flight from the commission of a felony, and in Missouri the crime of driving while intoxicated or driving with excessive blood alcohol content (I.C. § 35-33-3-1 (Indiana); Iowa Code § 806.1 (Iowa); Wis. Stat. § 976.04 (Wisconsin); § 544.155, RSMo (Missouri)).

Whenever an officer makes an arrest in Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin or Missouri, the officer shall take the offender to a magistrate or judge in the county where the arrest occurred as soon as practicable (I.C. § 35-33-3-2; Iowa Code § 806.2; Wis. Stat. § 976.04; § 544.155, RSMo).